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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 5. CANTHIGASHER, British steamer, 1,223 Courtey, London 14th Oct., and Singapore 24th Nov.—General—APARSON, BELL & CO.

December 5. KWONGSANG, British steamer, 916, Jackson, from Whampoa, General—JADE, MATHESON & CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

DEPARTURES.

December 5. EXY, Spanish steamer, for Amoy.

December 5. FOXEN, British steamer, for Swatow.

December 5. MARIS, German steamer, for Amoy.

December 5. INGENHAN, German steamer, for Nagasaki.

December 5. VORTIGER, British steamer, for Singapore.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED:

Per CARDIGANSHIRE, str. from London, to For Yokohama—Mrs. Thompson and 3 children, Mr. Saunders, and 260 Chinese.

DEPARTED:

Per GLENLOW, str. for Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ayton, 3 children and servant.

REPORTS.

The British steamer CARDIGANSHIRE reports last London on the 14th Oct., and Singapore on the 24th ult., and had fresh gale and very heavy sea from N.E. first 4 days, and very strong monsoon and very high sea from Pulo Spatha to port.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.

(For last Mail's Advice.)

Femptos (s.). Saigon Oct. 12.
Glenlow (s.). Shanghai Oct. 15.
Devonshire (s.). Saigon Oct. 15.
Achilles (s.). Shanghai Oct. 15.
Perseus (s.). Shanghai Oct. 23.
Diomed (s.). Shanghai Oct. 24.

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

(Corrected to Date.)

Commodore Cardiff June 15.
Elizabeth Liverpool via Cardiff, Ju. 23.
Invincible Cardiff July 26.
Elie. Nicholson Cardiff Aug. 4.
Triton London Aug. 18.

George & Oscar Penang Sept. 4.
Chandernagore Penang Sept. 13.
Isabel Cardiff Sept. 13.
Jessie Osborne Hamburg Sept. 17.
Landerdale (s.). Hamburg Sept. 24.
Melpuck London Sept. 25.
Beaufortland (s.). Cardiff Sept. 27.
H.M.S. Dryas Plymouth Oct. 8.
Cambodia (s.). London Oct. 11.
Pembroke (s.). London Oct. 12.
Pembroke (s.). Astoria via London Oct. 13.
Heck (s.). Liverpool Oct. 14.
John Knox (s.). Liverpool Oct. 14.
Thierry (s.). Liverpool Oct. 14.
Brescenshire (s.). Hamburg via London Oct. 18.
Harima Maru (s.). Glasgow Oct. 26.

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MARRIAGE.
On the 18th October, at St. Andrew's Cathedral,
Sydney, N.S.W., Rev. Charles Henry Gibson, R.A.
Archdeacon, James, second son of Captain Lewis
McLennan, to Emily, second daughter of the late
James McLennan, Miller's Point, Sydney.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 6TH, 1884.

On the 3rd instant a case was heard in the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice without a jury, which raised, though it cannot be said that it satisfactorily disposed of, a very important question. It appears that Mr. SILVA in March last entered into an agreement, which was subsequently registered at the Land Office, at the instance of at least one of the intended lessees, to lease to Mr. SILVA and the late Mr. SPRAZI the premises known as the Victoria Exchange upon certain terms fixed by the agreement. The property was, and still is, in mortgage to a gentleman in England, and the agreement to lease was therefore made subject to the consent of the mortgagor being first obtained. The consent was duly applied for and refused, and thereupon Mr. SILVA wrote to Mr. SILVA informing him of that fact, and that, the agreement being at an end, he would get a deed prepared for the purpose of cancelling the agreement as aforesaid if from the title of the land at the Land Office. Mr. SILVA's reply came through a solicitor, Mr. EWENS, who, on behalf of Mr. SILVA and also of the executors of Mr. SPRAZI, who had previously died, not only declined to treat the agreement as at an end but gave Mr. SILVA notice that he held him to it and would not cancel it unless some compensation was paid. A good deal of correspondence ensued between Mr. SILVA's solicitors, Messrs. BECKERON, WOTTON, and DAWSON, and Mr. EWENS and Mr. CALDWELL, who was then acting for Mr. SILVA which was read in Court. It appeared from this that Mr. SILVA's solicitors prepared and forwarded to both Mr. EWENS and Mr. CALDWELL, for their consideration and perusal, the draft of a deed for the cancellation of the agreement. The former declined to have anything to do with it and returned it, on the ground that the executors whom he represented had no legal or beneficial interest in the premises; the latter stated that his client, Mr. SILVA, maintained that he was entitled to the possession of the premises from the 1st September, and consequently declined to execute it. Mr. SILVA thus found himself in this position, that, whilst on the one hand the mortgagee whose consent was necessary to the carrying out of the agreement refused to give that consent, on the other the intended lessees declined to assist in any way in clearing the title of the premises from an agreement which, though it was itself at an end, effectively prevented, so long as it remained uncancelled, at the Land Office, any further definite dealings with the land. As this was a state of things that could not be allowed to continue in existence against the title of so valuable a property, Mr. SILVA, finding other means fail, naturally turned for relief to the Court in its equitable jurisdiction, one of whose proud mottoes it is that there is no wrong without a remedy, a maxim, however, to which Mr. SILVA has the privilege of being the exception that proves the rule. Accordingly he issued a writ against Mr. SILVA in the first instance, subsequently making the executors parties to the suit, arguing amongst other things that the defendants might be ordered to execute a deed for removing from the Land Office the agreement in question. The case was duly set down for hearing, but, before it came on, it appears from the correspondence read in Court that Mr. SILVA, by a letter from his solicitors to Mr. EWENS, dated the 7th October last, made one more effort to get the executors to execute a cancellation in spite of their former unqualified refusal to do so, and stating that, if they would agree to this, he would discontinue the action against them without asking for any costs, and would bear the expense of the preparation, stamping, and registration of such a deed. The executors replied (and this is the first time that they intimated their willingness to do on any terms what was asked) that they would only execute a deed giving effect to their disclaimer on having all their costs of suit paid, forgetting that it was hardly necessary to point out that if our refusal in the first instance to do what "citizen army" is to be called on whenever

the plaintiff required that necessitated their joinder as parties. However, as the correspondence goes on to prove, Mr. SILVA obtained a detailed statement of the executors' costs, and offered to pay their charges down to the time when they refused to sign the deed. This offer was declined, and the case was then heard.

The Attorney-General, who appeared for the plaintiff, read the pleadings that had been filed and the correspondence at length, when he was asked by the Chief Justice what power the Court had to grant the relief asked for. He referred in reply to Stow's Equitable Jurisprudence, and quoted passages in support of his contention that it had such power. He could not, however, satisfy his Lordship, who, whilst abstaining from giving any decision on the point, intimated in no ambiguous terms that his opinion he had no authority either to compel the defendants to execute a deed of cancellation or, which would have answered the plaintiff's purpose equally well, to make a decree that the defendants had no interest in the property comprised in the agreement, and that the relief sought could only be granted by the consent of the parties. After such an intimation from the Bench the plaintiff had no option but to come to the conclusion that it was hopeless to proceed, and found that his title depended for its clearance upon the consent of the defendants, a consent which the latter refused to give. He then advised the plaintiff to execute a deed of cancellation, and this lively and well-nigh ludicrous affair occurred on board the American ship *Luzon*, and is another case of trouble between American ship's officers and the crew.

The *Bazar* in aid of the Chinese orphans in the Asilo da São Francisco at Macau will open at 2 p.m. to-day in the Praya da Barra, and the *Prayer* in aid of the Chinese Orphans and the British sailors will be present and play during the afternoon.

The *Globe* perpetuates the following joke—

"Tchin-Tchin-Tchin, the new Chinese Minister to Berlin, Vienna, and Rome, arrives at an unfortunate time. At this period of the year the heads are so prevalent that His Excellency will be always fancying that people are calling after him."

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EXTRACTS.

TWO SCENES.

In the dark watch of the night,
And he heard her gentle breathing;
But her face was still and white;
And her poor, wan cheek a tear
Told how the heart can weep;
And he said, "My love was weary;
God bless her; she's asleep!"

He knelt beside her gravestone
In the shuddering autumn night;
And he heard the grasses rustle;
And his foot was thin and white;
And through his heart the tremor ran;
A grief that cannot weep;
And he said, "My love was weary;
God bless her; she's asleep!"

WILLIAM WINTERS.

KITTY.

Kitty was the most beautiful dog I ever owned. No one, except from a particular Highland district in Scotland, could ever tell her breed at eight. Yet her written pedigree dated from 1883. She was like a greyhound, with deep chest, powerful ribs, broad quarters, and delicate sinewy legs. Her tail was a fine curving bush, and her "double" coat was of a rich tawny color, almost exactly like that of a red deer. Her head was long and sharp, her eye full and liquid; her ears were silvery yellow, and when she raised them the action gave her face a most curious and arch expression. Her speed was extraordinary—indeed, I never saw a dog of her size that could move with such swiftness; and she was so good a jumper that very few greyhounds could beat her over fences. In London she was a very embarrassing companion, for no amount of correction cured her of the habit of jumping up to the heads of horses. She once flushed down the Strand at full speed from Charing-cross to Drury-lane, bestowing a flying kiss on every horse that came in the line of her mad gallop.

Her town life did not last long; for she went to live on the borders of a great wild heath, where she enjoyed her existence in a way that was very pleasant to observe. The sea had rolled over the waste long ago; the soil was sandy, and successive lines of pebbles stretched, for nearly five miles, marking the retreat of the water from beach after beach. Broad stretches of moss and grass lay between the shaggy rows of hillocks, and the rabbits found the place much to their liking. Kitty was puzzled by the rabbits' holes, which she started; she was frightened when a pleasant rose with a whirr, and although she chased the rabbits she did not use her teeth for a long time. But her instinct woke at last, and it was strange to see her change from being a troublesome pest until she became a stealthy and dainty beast of prey. Her first lesson in slaughter was received on flat and open ground some miles away from our beth. She was quartering over a broad salt-marsh in company with a very ferocious Bedlington terrier, when a rabbit rose and shot away from the dogs. The rabbit is faster than any other four-footed creature, if he only has to go about twenty yards over ground that he knows well; but this poor fellow had wandered far from home, and he had a hundred yards to travel before he reached his friendly furz-bushes. Kitty lay down to her work, and rushed up to the rabbit like a trained hothor. Bunny turned with the usual galvanic jerk, but the twyng bitch swung round as though she were hung on to him, and he could not get clear. We thought the poor little beast was doomed; but to our amazement Kitty only rolled him over as if in play; it seemed as though she took the rabbit for a totally new kind of cat. The terrier soon settled matters: he did not approve of frivolity; and when his long, bounding stride brought him on terms with the rabbit, there was a fierce stroke like the dart of a viper, and all was over. O'er more rabbit was killed by the Bedlington, and then Kitty had learned her business: she became from that day the most dexterous dog-terrier ever, warren. I never cared much to take her out, caring of set-purposes; but I saw her go after two hours during my stay on the waste, and I confess the sight stirred my blood. A tremendous discharge of snow poured heavily on the heath during the whole of one day; a gale-blast hard from the east, and the sea was driven over the salt-marshes till the outlying hares were forced to take refuge on higher ground. Kitty and I went out in the storm, and as soon as she had tired of snapping at the falling snow, she sailed away over a wide level and began hunting on her own account. Presently she stole up to a dark speck on the snow, and a good hare got up and struck off in fine style. For the first fifty yards the dog floundered and threw up a streaming cloud of dusty whiteness, but she steadied herself down and the snow had soon to turn for life. There was a scuffle in the snowbank, Kate blundered, and the hare gained a fair lead. At the bottom of a sheltered hollow the dog struck again; and by that time I fear that excitement mastered me. I left the path, and plunged after the flying pair like a schoolboy. Paul got out of the hollow scuttled, and breasted the slope; both the animals were straining their utmost. Kitty got up; the hare came sharp round; the dog pounced, struck, and fell head over heels. When Kitty had scrambled round once more, Paul was scuttling away with her ears close down, and her enemy had no longer a chance. Kate ran on one course on ploughed land with a weak hare which succumbed very soon, and the pride with which the dog stood over her victim was very marked. She had come terrible "dressing" from a perfect witch of a hare, which led her a dance of about a mile, only giving her one turn. Kitty had to lie down after this attempt, and her failure seemed to take a good deal of the vanity out of her. She was extremely delighted when she learned to swim, and after practising her accomplishment some time, she could hardly be kept out of the water. She would pick up a stick and sail forth in search of a playmate. When she found a likely boy she would lay the stick down; and her pantomime was so eloquent that she rarely failed in persuading the young gentleman to contribute to her amusement. When she returned south she made swimming her chief recreation; and one of the drollest sights in the world was her mode of making approaches to the children playing on the Thames. 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little fox-terrier she lifted and shook till she was knocked off. On the day after this exploit she hid herself in a dark corner, and frightened my woman kind from the house by her strange moaning howls. The doctor came and pronounced her dead. My pretty matchless companion was dead, and had to be killed.—*St. James's Gazette.*

A TALE OF AN OXFORD PROCTER.

A famous young orator was returning one night from the Union Debating Society, and solving himself with a smile on his way home. Meeting a proctor within a few yards of the Union, and suspecting that his uncompromising zeal had led his foe to lie in ambush till the close of the debate—an unpardonable atrocity in the eyes of undergraduates—he determined to do even with him. So having given up his name and college, and made the usual morning appointment, he spent the rest of the evening in making a round of the public-houses, and returned to his room with his pockets nearly bursting, and a smile of triumph on his brow. Next morning he called upon his captor, bearing in his hand a fat calico bag tied up with red tape. "Mr. Spouter, I think?" Spouted bowed assent. "Ah! you are smug in the Corn Market last night, Mr. Spouter? I must trouble you for ten shillings." Spouter untied his bag, and out rushed a torrent of halfpence. "Will you oblige me by counting them, sir? I can only make two hundred and thirty-nine." Spouter left Oxford next morning, and did not return till the following term.—*Corset Magazine.*

MODERN MUMMIES.

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